

COUNTRY _____ REPORT

TOPIC _____ Laerz Airfield

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REMARKS _____

- 25X1 1. From 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on 17 February 1953, there was no air activity at Laerz airfield. Weather was overcast with a strong wind. Twenty-four MIG-15s were counted at the field but additional jet fighters were parked there. From 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on 3 March, there was no flying, although the weather was fair. Almost no activities were observed. A total of 37 MIG-15s were counted; the aircraft revetments could not be observed. No 982 was identified on a plane parked at the western end of the runway. 1
- 25X1 2. On 17 February, earth walls were observed south of the western end of the runway. [] they were aircraft revetments, which also served as bunkers, appeared to be located at these sites, for he noticed that a door was opened and several soldiers went through it. The earth walls forming the aircraft revetments were 2.5 meters high and were faced with cement slabs. The revetments were open toward the taxiway. Heaps of sand, probably also aircraft revetments, were observed in the angle formed by the southern end of the runway and the taxiway. From 30 to 35 men were seen loading concrete slabs measuring about 50 x 50 x 5 cm on a truck trailer. About 10 men were unloading concrete slabs from a truck trailer near an aircraft revetment under construction. Another 10 men put these slabs on the earth walls surrounding the aircraft revetments. Several concrete slabs were piled up near the spur track of the field. 2
- 25X1 3. On 3 March, [] two double sentries on the Vietzen-Laerz highway between Jolly Bridge and the road block near Mirower Canal. The sentries were armed with submachine guns and carbines. Three guards were seen at the road block while previously only one guard had been posted there.
- 25X1 4. On 17 February, [] Soviet soldiers creeping through the board fence around the field about 250 meters east of the road block at Mirower Canal. The soldiers went to an inn at the northern exit of Laerz.

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5. On a requisition sheet for potatoes to be delivered to the Soviets, [redacted]
[redacted] The potatoes were to be delivered to Units
Zeliak, Ryvakov, Vasilenko and Yevmenkin.³
6. No air activity was observed at the field from 3 to 4 p.m. on 19 February.
Visibility was so poor that only few aircraft could be seen at the field.
Heavy flying by MiG-15s was observed throughout the day on 3 March. Forty-
two MiG-15 and type-29 planes were observed at the field. There was heavy
flying also between 23 and 26 March. On 24 March, [redacted] 36 MiG-15
and type-29 aircraft; another estimated 15 MiG-15s were parked at the
field. [redacted]
[redacted]
7. [redacted]
8. During the last week in February air activity observed at the field was
heavier than that noticed between 6 and 8 March. MiG-15s practiced
individual take-offs and flying in formations of two. The alert flight was
continuously parked at the eastern end of the runway.
1. [redacted] Comment. The headquarters of a fighter division and two fighter
regiments are stationed at Laerz airfield. The fact that fewer MiG-15s
than previously were observed [redacted] is probably due to
the parking of aircraft in the numerous aircraft revetments available
at the field. [redacted]
[redacted]
2. [redacted] Comment. The construction of aircraft revetments west of the
southern end of the short runway is reported for the first time. The
arrival at the field of concrete slabs was reported previously.
[redacted]
3. [redacted]

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